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SUBJ: SPECIFICATIONS FOR PL-480 TITLE I COTTON PURCHASES

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1. BANGLADESH TEXTILE MILLS CORPORATION (BTMC) HAS REPEATED ITS REQUEST, WHICH WE EARLIER REPORTED IN REFTEL, TO AMEND QUANTITY AND QUALITY SPECIFICATIONS TO BE INCLUDED IN THEIR INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) FOR 35,000 BALES OF COTTON TO BE PURCHASED UNDER PL-480 TITLE I AGREEMENT. BTMC'S REQUEST WAS MADE AS A RESULT OF SAMPLE IFB SENT TO THEM BY BANGLADESH EMBASSY WHICH CONTAINS EARLIER SPECIFICATIONS WHICH WERE SUPERSEDED BY THOSE IN REFTEL. BTMC ALSO REQUESTED VARIOUS CHANGES OF OTHER TERMS IN THE IFB AS ALTERNATIVES TO THE STANDARD PL-480 TERMS THEREIN.

2. AGATT AND EMBOFF ADVISED BTMC THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ADAPT STANDARD PL-480 TERMS IN IFB SINCE THESE WERE INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO THE PL-480 AGREEMENT. WE AGREED, HOWEVER, TO REPEAT BTMC'S REQUEST FOR AMENDMENT TO SPECIFICATIONS CONCERNING QUANTITY AND
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QUALITY (EARLIER REPORTED REFTEL) SO THAT IFB WOULD BE ISSUED WITH AMENDED SPECIFICATIONS. WE ALSO AGREED TO CONVEY REQUESTS FOR CHANGES IN OTHER IFB TERMS TO WASHINGTON. FULL TEXT OF BTMC REQUEST, WHICH WAS CONTAINED IN LETTER DATED MARCH 15, FOR AMENDED QUANTITY SPECIFICATIONS AND OTHER TERMS FOR IFB FOLLOW.

3. BEGIN TEXT: QUANTITY -- 35,000 BALES OF RAW COTTON, THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY-WISE BREAK WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: A) STRICT POW MIDDLING 31/32-INCH, 10,000 B/S; B) STRICT LOW MIDDLING 1-INCH, 20,000 B/S; C) MIDDLING 1-1/8-ICH, 5,000 B/S; SUPPLIERS MAY BID ON ALL OR ANY PART OF IT SUBJECT TO MINIMUM 5,000 BALES AND BUYERS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT ANY OFFER OR PART OF IT. QUALITY -- 10 PERCENT SAMPLES WILL BE DRAWN BY OUR APPOINTED CONTROLLER AT THE PORTS OF SHIPMENT AND DESTINATION FOR QUALITY TEST. THE SAMPLES DRAWN AT THE PORT OF DESTINATION WILL BE TESTED EITHER IN BTMC LABORATORY OR ANY OTHER LABORATORY RECOGNIZED BY BTMC AND THE CLAIM SETTLEMENT OF THE QUALITY DIFFERENCE IF ANY SHALL BE BASED ON THIS TEST REPORT. ARBITRATION - FOR ALL TERMS INCLUDING QUALITY AND QUANTITY AS PER RULES OF THE LCA. WEIGHT -- THE WEIGHMENT MINIMUM AT RANDOM 10 PERCENT SHALL BE SUPERVISED BY BTMC APPOINTED COTTON CONTROLLER AT THE PORT OF DESTINATION IN PRESENCE OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF SELLER. SUCH WEIGHMENT SHALL BE THE BASIS FOR DETERMINING NET WEIGHT OF THE COTTON SHIPPED AND SHORT-WEIGHMENT CLAIM, IF ANY, SHALL BE LODGED ON THAT BASIS WHICH WILL BE BINDING ON BOTH. PRICE -- PRICE PER LB. C&F CHITTAGONG. DELIVERY -- GOODS MUST BE OFFERED FOR DELIVERY AT THE PORTS NAMED IN THE OFFERS AS PER FOLLOWING SHIPMENT SCHEDULES:
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A) 5,000 BALES OF 500 LBS-APRIL 1978; B) 20,000 BALES OF 500 LBS-SEPTEMBER 1978; C) 10,000 BALES OF 500 LBS-OCTOBER 1978. ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED -- 15 COPIES OF EACH INSTEAD OF 5 COPIES. BONDS AND PERFORMANCES -- 10 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL VALUE OF THE CONTRACT INSTEAD OF 5 PERCENT.

4. ACTION REQUESTED USDA: PLEASE ADVISE BDG EMBASSY TO REPLACE QUANTITY AND QUALITY SPECIFICATIONS IN DRAFT IFB WITH REVISED TERMS REPORTED IN REFTEL AND REPEATED IN FIRST PART, PARA 3 ABOVE. SHIPMENT SCHEDULE IN IFB SHOULD ALSO CONFORM TO ABOVE.
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